

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) A device for detecting an obstacle underride, comprising:  
at least one vertical distance measuring device situated on a vehicle front in such a way to detect an obstacle underride.
11. (New) The device according to claim 10,  
wherein the vertical distance measuring device includes at least one transceiver.
12. (New) The device according to claim 11,  
wherein the at least one transceiver includes one of an ultrasonic sensor and a radar sensor.
13. (New) The device according to claim 10,  
wherein the vertical distance measuring device includes at least one video sensor.
14. (New) The device according to claim 10,  
wherein the vertical distance measuring device is situated on a bumper.
15. (New) The device according to claim 14,  
wherein the at least one vertical distance measuring device includes four vertical distance measuring devices for carrying out distance measurements at four locations on the bumper distanced from one another.
16. (New) The device according to claim 10,  
wherein the device is connectable to a control unit for restraining means in such a way that the control unit triggers the restraining means as a function of a signal of the device.

17. (New) The device according to claim 10,  
wherein the device is configured for the purpose of sensing pedestrians.
18. (New) The device according to claim 10,  
wherein the vertical distance measuring device is situated on a rear bumper.